

2023 Central Coast TRES

Santa Cruz, San Benito, and Monterey Counties

What is a TRES?

A TRES is a multi-day prescribed fire training exchange that seeks to build capacity for community-based burning by promoting the ecological health of diverse landscapes while meeting specific training, cultural, research, and wildfire mitigation objectives.

Originally developed by The Nature Conservancy, the TRES model is now used by other groups and organizations to help expand local partnerships and bolster knowledge-sharing and effective cooperative burning, or “good fire”.

What is “Good Fire”?

“Good Fire” is the planned and purposeful utilization of fire for specific outcomes, such as: enhancing ecosystem health, mitigating wildfire fuel loads, controlling invasive species, and supporting tribal/cultural practices and goals.

Who can attend a TRES?

Anyone can apply to participate in a TRES! Common TRES participants include: tribal members, land managers, fire professionals, ranchers, community members interested in the use of prescribed fire, researchers, students, and more.

Participants will often be immersed in strenuous physical tasks and training, both in the field and in workshop settings. If you would like to attend but have physical limitations, please contact us to learn how you can still be involved.

Although no federal certifications will be required of participants for this TRES, fire-related experience will be taken into account.

Where will the burns take place?

The burns will take place throughout Santa Cruz, San Benito, and Monterey Counties on private land to improve ecological function and achieve specific goals across diverse landscapes including Redwood, Oak woodland, Coastal prairie, Coastal shrubland ecologies.

The designated burn units were established through partnerships and cooperation between the [Central Coast Prescribed Burn Association](#) and local land owners.

How to get involved

If you'd like to participate in this TRES, [fill out this application by February 26th, 2023](#). Registration is \$220 and priority will be given to regionally based participants, tribal members, and those bringing equipment.

If you are a local business owner that would like to support this community effort or get involved, please [fill out this short form](#) and we will contact you.

Resources

[California Prescribed Burn Associations](#)

[Central Coast Prescribed Burn Association](#)

Scholarships opportunities are available To inquire about scholarships, email alex.ccpba@gmail.com.

CC TRES is a project of the CCPBA, UCCE San Benito, RCD of Monterey County and CAL FIRE. Our partners include Santa Lucia Conservancy, the Esselen Tribe, Amah Mutsun Land Trust, Burn Bot, SJSU and the Big Sur Land Trust

